

## Bloomfield Record.

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Bloomfield to be Lighted.

The gas question, for the present, at least, is settled. At a special meeting of the Town Committee, held on Monday night, that body conferred with a Committee of the Gas Company and the result was the adoption of a basis of contract, the principal features of which are as follows:

Seven miles of main pipes are to be laid in our streets, including those already laid.

Two hundred lamp posts and lamps are to be erected upon certain streets at a cost of \$30 per lamp.

The Company is to furnish gas at \$4.00 per thousand cubic feet.

The Company is to receive \$3.00 per lamp per year for lighting and putting out the gas.

The contract is to be for one year, dating from October 1st, 1873.

So far as the terms of this contract are concerned, the Town Committee have no doubt done the best that could be done for the interests of the town. Whether the action they have taken is wise, as a whole, remains to be seen. No doubt much trouble will arise in the collection of the lamp-tax, as its monstrous injustice has been conclusively shown. We do not, however, counsel resistance to the assessment, but are inclined to look upon the best side of the matter, which has called forth so much bitter controversy. We rejoice that the contract, if it had to be made, is made, and is for so short a time. And now let the streets be lighted at the earliest day. Let the people know from actual experiment and experience whatever there may be of utility and advantage in the measure. We have had a surfeit of newspaper and street-corner gas, and it will be a relief to have a sample of the simon pure sort. Besides, we shall be better prepared next winter, after actual experience under its working, to say what amendments or modifications are demanded for our gaslight law.

### Rowdyism Rampant.

The statute relating to corner-boozing and disorderly conduct in our streets, we are glad to announce, is not entirely a dead letter. Constable S. E. Perry, noticing that rowdyism was more than usually demonstrative at the Center of our village on Sunday, undertook, it is said to his credit, to abate this unmitigated nuisance. Observing a number of young roughs congregated in front of Archdeacon's Hotel, engaged in the crowd and advised the persons composing it to disperse. This some of them refused to do, evidently taking the interference as an invasion of their rights and privileges. The officer collared one of them, with the intention of taking him before Justice Hall. He became obstreperous, and the others joining in the melee, there arose a collision which soon assumed a threatening and serious aspect. Constable G. W. Perry came to the assistance of his brother, and both were severely handled in the fight which ensued. The crowd of half a dozen native roughs was reinforced by about forty others who had taken advantage of the Sunday Horse Cars to visit Bloomfield for a lark. The officers at length succeeded in taking their prisoner before Justice Hall, who imposed a fine, which was paid, and the disturber of the peace allowed to depart.

If there is anything which needs looking after in our town, it is the strict enforcement of the law relating to disorderly conduct. Temperance meetings, and debates upon moral suasion and local option are commendable but the enforcement of laws already in our statute books, relating to the suppression of crime, will go more directly to the root of the matter. We evidently need a police properly organized, equipped with club and revolver, and a lock-up near at hand for the reception of these rebellious roughs. We earnestly hope now that our officers show a disposition to do their duty, even at the risk of life, that they will be sustained. Let us see to it that Sunday rowdyism, and all these minor infractions of the laws are summarily dealt with.

### The Newark Exposition.

Monday evening was the time set apart for the opening of the Second Annual Industrial Exposition. The attendance, considering the unfavorable weather, was very satisfactory. The new brick buildings add greatly to the size of the enclosed space over that of last year. The ground floor now covers nearly two acres. A wine gallery in the new building, with the galleries of the rink proper, gives an area for exhibiting equal to if not more than that afforded by the American Institute.

At the opening, Reinhardt's Band discoursed elegant music, while the flags and banners played their usual prominent part in imparting a lively and festive appearance, the hum of machinery, and the buzz of conversation among the sight-seers, made the scene a very animated one. The formal part of the opening ceremonies was the address by Senator J. T. Frelinghuysen. It was an eloquent tribute to the cause of industry and mechanical art in Newark and throughout our country.

Monetary matters begin to wear a much brighter aspect. Suspended houses in New York are preparing to resume, and the complexion of affairs throughout the country bespeaks that there is a very considerable improvement in the financial situation.

### Resumption.

The question of returning to specie payments is agitated in the leading newspapers of the day. The Tribune of Tuesday has an article bearing upon the subject, from which we quote as follows: "Some time we must get back to specie. That's admitted. Why not now? When would the whole country be more benefited by it than now? There ought to be statesmanship enough in Congress to devise a simple, practicable method. It is not the province of journalism to legislate, and legislatures are proverbially jealous of interference with their functions by the press. We suggest nothing except that Congress be summoned together for this purpose and thus only, not to putter over and tinker up matters, but simply to legislate for resumption. The Administration of President Grant has an opportunity to lift itself into a better place in history than almost any of its predecessors by this simple act; the Republican party has an opportunity to redeem itself from a record which its best friends admit is not wholly glorious, and the country has an opportunity to step out into the grandest part of its career. Shall it pass unimproved? Let President Grant settle it, so far as he is concerned, by convening Congress and putting upon it the responsibility of meeting the emergency."

"Resumption," says the *Graphic*, "is the paramount necessity. The country is actually suffering for that measure. We are practically excluded from the markets of the world by a currency that is merely provincial, and which reduces gold to an article of merchandise and a commodity for speculation. Behind our wild stock and bond speculation is the fact that we have an inflated currency which is a lie, and the parent of a whole family of fictitious stimulants for all kinds of excess and resulting in a ruinous extravagance. The whole mechanism of exchange is broken and must be restored. The financial fabric has been completely broken down by the panic and must be built up anew. And never was such a favorable opportunity offered for resuming specie payments, and thus building the new fabric on a solid metallic foundation. We want the money of the world, and shall be in no condition to compete with other nations in the great markets of the globe until every greenback is worth its face in gold."

### Gazetteer.

In regard to the ridiculously untrue version in last week's *Gazette* of the recent "citizens' meeting" in our town, specific comment or refutation is totally unnecessary. That Ricon participates in the general regret that the fair name of our town should continue to be disgraced by being paraded upon the head-lines of the *Gazette* of any community. Nobody, it seems, is safe from the contemptible outbreaks of enabled cynicism and jealousy which appear to be the predominant features of the sheet referred to. In one column of the last issue, the Old Presbyterian Society is berated, some matters exclusively pertaining to the church itself being lugged into public notice from some perversive motive, in another the town officers are browbeaten and insulted; elsewhere this or that citizen is openly abused or covertly maligned, for no other purpose, apparently, than to gratify an appetite for crabbed fault-finding, or the slaking of a wicked thirst for revenge against some trivial or fancied grievance.

How long, the question is asked, must this sort of thing continue? We think there is a reasonable prospect, at no distant day, that Bloomfield, at least, will be rid of what has come to be a nuisance. The quiet but sure plan adopted by many of refusing to read the obnoxious sheet, even after they have paid their year's subscription, warrants the prediction a gentleman made in our hearing yesterday, that a miserable fate is in store for it. Even now, we can conceive of no reasonable excuse for retaining the name of BLOOMFIELD as part and parcel of the *Gazette's* identity.

We learn that the Lecture Committee of Euclidian Society have nearly completed the arrangements for a course of entertainments consisting of lectures, readings, and a concert. Daniel Dougherty, Esq., Fred. Douglass, (the celebrated colored orator) and Miss Minnie Swayze,—one of the very best of lady readers,—have been engaged. It is expected the arrangements entirely made this week. We earnestly hope the society will be encouraged by our citizens in their efforts to provide for our intellectual entertainment during the coming season.

We understand that the following are the streets in which the Township Committee will order street lamps to be erected, at an average distance apart of two hundred feet: Broad street from the Centre to Bay street; Franklin street from Broad street to Weaver avenue; Bloomfield avenue from Mountain line to Orange street; Orange street from Bloomfield avenue to the Water-works depot; Glenwood avenue from the Centre to Linden; Linden avenue to Midland; Washington street to Ridgewood avenue; Belleville avenue to Mr. D. Oakes' residence. It is thought that seven miles of pipe will be sufficient to extend through these streets.

The quarterly meeting of the Bloomfield Tract Society was held in the Westminster Church on Sunday. As heretofore, the exercises were devoted largely to the subject of Temperance. Addresses were made upon this topic by the clergy and several laymen of our village.

The Anniversary of the Sunday School of the Old Presbyterian Church took place on Sunday afternoon, and was a most interesting occasion. There was an unusually fine display of flowers, which attracted much admiration.

### MONTCLAIR CORRESPONDENCE.

#### EQUALIZATION OF TAXES.

A large delegation of citizens recently waited upon the Commissioners of Taxes and complained that landed or unimproved property did not bear its relative proportion of the taxes. For example, A. owns a house and lot costing him \$10,000, 40 per cent, or \$4,000 would be the valuation placed upon said house and lot. B., a near neighbor owns and holds for speculation, say 80 acres for which he has been offered \$250,000. To illustrate, call it \$200,000—40 per cent, of which would be \$80,000. Add to this real and personal property \$20,000 which doubtless would be a small estimate for the balance of B's property, 40 per cent, of this would be \$8,000, making a total of \$88,000, on a basis of 40 percent of the full value. Now what are the facts? B. is assessed for value of real and personal, in round numbers, \$80,000—as reference to the Assessor's books will show. Each gentleman pays on his valuation 2½ per cent, but the unequal valuation virtually makes B's per cent, only about ¼ths of the above. To speak more practically, B., if he were assessed by the same rule of valuation as A., would pay, instead of \$750, about \$2,250.

What our Commissioners intend to do about we do not know. They have adjourned to meet again.

MR. WM. A. TORREY

sails for Europe next week. He goes for the purpose of introducing his patent hose, and will be absent a year or more. The members of the church of which he is organist, and many friends in Montclair and elsewhere will meet at the Presbyterian Church on Saturday evening of this week, at which time a public rehearsal will be giving by the quartette choir, and the opportunity of saying *good bye*. It will be a rich treat to listen to the many grand old melodies and soul-stirring symphonies of this distinguished choir. All lovers of music should improve the opportunity to attend.

THE TELFORD PAVEMENT.

Some time ago the pavement on the avenue was tested and found to be only nine or ten inches thick, while the contract calls for twelve. Since this deficiency was discovered,

the Telford Pavement Co. have spread a covering of rocks on the road, expecting perhaps to grind out our patience as well as our wheels.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MR. EDITOR:

Having observed several notices of the action of the Euclidian Society in your paper, I am led to ask if that society purpose giving a Course of Lectures the coming winter? In a town devoid, as ours is, of all means of reaching the outside most everything in the way of instructive amusement, I deem it incumbent upon us all to insist upon a lecture course. Though it would be to the Euclidian Society that we look for the starting and carrying out of this thing, still, from a remark made in my hearing last winter, I infer that they might feel some hesitation in attempting it: the remark was that a lecture course did not pay in Bloomfield. The people would not purchase season tickets, and so left the projectors to foot a loss which would certainly fall upon them by having one bad night.

I have had some little experience in these matters and know just what that remark means, which is that a great sacrifice of time and great personal inconvenience would be fully compensated by seeing these things appreciated; but having done their utmost, that they should be called upon to invest their loose change in a liberal assessment to pay printers, etc., is a little disheartening.

Will you not use your influence in having something like a regular course presented to us this winter? Urge upon the Euclidian Society the benefit of such action, and upon our townsfolk the necessity for a liberal support of it. Shall it be said of Bloomfield that she has sidewalks and gas, a Town Hall and water, (the last two in the future) but lacks intellectual culture and energy to inaugurate and sustain a Lecture Course?

SOUTHEAST.

ABOUT TOWN.

And now let us put up our stove!

J. Frost, Esq., is among the later arrivals.

A project is on foot for a water supply for Bloomfield. More anon.

Mr. Weaver's auction sale of lots at Fairview, last week, was a very satisfactory one, fair prices having been realized.

Mr. Samuel Moore advertises his Fish and Oyster Market in our columns. We hope he will be liberally patronized.

The Committee on locating the street lamps in Bloomfield consist of Messrs. Potter, Sanxay, and Ward.

East Orange is to have a local weekly newspaper. We are informed that it will appear this week.

Mr. J. B. Harvey, whose establishment is on Bloomfield avenue, is doing all he can to make our people comfortable so far as hot air furnaces, stoves and heaters can accomplish that object.

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Peloubet, Pelton & Co. are making a commendable improvement in front of new building upon Orange street. They are putting down a concrete sidewalk of ample width, together with a street curbing of the same material.

Coal in Bloomfield met with a sudden decline last Friday. Two loaded cars went over the extreme end of Mr. Powers' side track, mauling their contents with the water in the brook below. A derrick from Newark came up on Monday, by means of which the cars were lifted and placed back upon the track.

We invite attention to the advertisement of Lectures by Mrs. Susan Everett, M. D., of Portland, Maine. She comes to our village next week at the invitation of a number of well known and highly esteemed ladies of Bloomfield. On Monday next at 3 o'clock P. M., in the Methodist Church she will deliver the 1st of a series of lectures, to ladies only. The first lecture will be free. Mrs. Everett recently delivered a very successful course of lectures in Newark, and we doubt not all who hear her will be agreeably and profitably entertained.

### STATE ITEMS.

Work on the new tunnel of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, under Bergen Hill, has been suspended, and over 400 employees discharged.

A serious accident occurred on the Midland Oswego road, on Friday last. A passenger train came in collision with a freight train near New Durham station, about three miles above Bergen tunnel. An engineer received fatal injuries, but no passengers were killed.

The funeral of the late Joseph L. Hewes took place in Newark yesterday. The employees of the firm of Hewes & Phillips, of which the deceased was a member, attended in a body. Many of the machine shops of Newark were closed out of respect to the memory of the departed.

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